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COMPLAINT

Chairman  
Inter-American Commission on  
Human Rights  
Organization of American States  
Washington, D. C. 20006  
United States of America

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
( ) Release (X) Excise ( ) Deny  
Exemption(s): B6  
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Name: Olga Talamante

Nationality: United States of America

Address:     
United States of America;

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wishes to communicate to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, for the purposes established in its Statute and Regulations, the following:

Name of the Person Whose Human Rights Have  
Been Violated: Olga Talamante

Address: see above

Description of the Violation:

On or about November 10 through November 13, 1974, the following acts were committed upon the person of Olga Talamante by police officers in the city of Azul, Argentina:

1. On the night of November 10 and much of the following morning, Olga Talamante was forced to stand pressed against a wall in the police station of Azul with both feet and both hands against the wall. As the police forced her to hold this position for many hours, she suffered severe pain.

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2. During the day of November 11, 1974, Olga Talamante is kicked and beaten by police officers on all parts of her body, including her head and between her legs.

3. In the middle of the night of November 11-12, 1974, Olga Talamante was beaten, kicked, and dragged by her hair by police officers in the Azul, Argentina police station.

4. On the morning of November 12, 1974, Olga Talamante was subjected to electric shocks on her arms, face, lips, and head. In addition, she was threatened that this treatment could, if properly applied, make her insane, destroy her child-bearing capacity, and burn her entire body. The police officers also threatened her with gang rape and death.

5. Soon after the treatment described in paragraph 4, still on November 12, 1974, Olga Talamante was stripped and tied spread-eagle fashion to a bed in an upstairs room in the Azul police station. The police proceeded to apply electric shocks to her nipples, vulva, vagina, joints of the legs, fingers, and toes. She was again threatened with rape. The electric shocks were so severe, numerous, and long-continued that she needed assistance to dress upon termination of the electric shock treatment.

Place and Date of the Violation:

Azul police station, Azul, Argentina, November 10 through November 13, 1974.

Judge or Court Which Took Cognizance of the Act and  
the Date on Which This Occurred:

On November 13, 1974, Olga Talamante informed Judge Ippolito of the federal district court in Azul, Argentina, of her mistreatment at the police station. She so informed him when he visited the Azul police station. In December 1974, Olga Talamante was taken to Judge Ippolito's chambers where she filed a formal complaint of torture.

Final Decision of the Authority that Acted in the  
Matter:

After filing her formal complaint in December 1974, Olga Talamante heard nothing from any official regarding the charges.

Supporting Material:

1. Sworn affidavit of Olga Talamante (attached). Please pay particular attention to ¶¶ 9-18, 20, 27.
2. Sworn affidavit of Leonard Weinglass (attached). Please pay particular attention to pp. 6-7, 10.

I believe the above actions violate Article I of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man: "Every human being has the right to life, liberty and the security of his person." These actions also violate Article XXVI of the same document. "[No person shall] receive cruel, infamous, or unusual punishment." Therefore, I respectfully request that the Commission investigate this violation.

*Olga Talamante*  
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